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	Examiner Zhiyu Lu	Art Unit 2618	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 2-5, 7-10, 12-16, and 18-21 objected to because of the following informalities:

In line 1s of claims 2-5, 7-10, and 18-21, replace "An apparatus" with [The electronic apparatus] to correct antecedent basis errors.

In line 1s of claims 12-16, replace "An apparatus" with [The mobile communication apparatus] to correct antecedent basis errors.

In line 3s of claims 3, 8, 13 and 19, replace "mode" with [modes] to correct grammatical errors.

In line 2 of claim 16, add [,] after "reduced" to correct grammatical error and increase readability.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 16 recites the limitation "the phone" in lines 5-6 of page 8. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-15 and 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cosgrove et al. (US Patent#6304765).

Regarding claim 1, Cosgrove et al. anticipate an electronic apparatus comprising:

first and second body portions movable between an open configuration and a closed configuration (Figs. 4-5);

a speaker having a permanent magnet in the first portion (column 2 lines 63-64); and

a magnetic field sensor in the second portion, wherein the magnetic field sensor is positioned so as to detect the magnetic field of the speaker when the apparatus is in its closed configuration (column 2 lines 59-65).

Regarding claim 6, Cosgrove et al. anticipate an electronic apparatus comprising:

first and second body portions coupled by a hinge and pivotable between an open configuration and a closed configuration (Figs. 4-5);

a speaker having a permanent magnet in the first portion (column 2 lines 63-64); and

a magnetic field sensor in the second portion, wherein the magnetic field sensor is positioned so as to detect the magnetic field of the speaker when the apparatus is in its closed configuration (column 2 lines 59-65).

Regarding claim 11, Cosgrove et al. anticipate a mobile communication apparatus comprising:

first and second body portions movable between an open configuration and a closed configuration (Figs. 4-5);

a speaker having a permanent magnet in the first portion (column 2 lines 63-64); and

a magnetic field sensor in the second portion, wherein the magnetic field sensor is positioned so as to detect the magnetic field of the speaker when the apparatus is in its closed configuration (column 2 lines 59-65)

Regarding claim 17, Cosgrove et al. anticipate an electronic apparatus comprising:

first and second body portions coupled by a hinge and pivotable between an open configuration and a closed configuration (Figs. 4-5);

a speaker having a permanent magnet in the first portion (column 2 lines 63-64); and

a magnetic field sensor in the second portion, wherein the magnetic field sensor is positioned so as to detect the magnetic field of the speaker when the apparatus is in its closed configuration (column 2 lines 59-65).

Regarding claims 2, 7, 12 and 18, Cosgrove et al. anticipate the limitations of claims 1, 6, 11 and 17.

Cosgrove et al. also anticipate the limitation of comprising an audio signal source (18 of Fig. 2) connected to the speaker for driving the speaker to generate acoustic signals (column 2 lines 40-48).

Regarding claims 3, 8, 13 and 19, Cosgrove et al. anticipate the limitations of claims 1, 6, 11 and 17.

Cosgrove et al. also anticipate the limitation of comprising processing means (19 and 21 of Fig. 2) operable in a first mode and a second mode, responsive to the output of the magnetic field sensor for switching between said mode in accordance with whether the apparatus is in its open or closed configuration (column 2 lines 56-65).

Regarding claims 4, 9, 14 and 20, Cosgrove et al. anticipate the limitations of claims 3, 8, 13 and 19.

Cosgrove et al. also anticipate the limitation of comprising an audio signal source (18 of Fig. 2) connected to the speaker for driving the speaker to generate acoustic signals (column 2 lines 40-48).

Regarding claims 5, 10, 15 and 21, Cosgrove et al. anticipate the limitations of claims 4, 9, 14 and 20.

Cosgrove et al. also anticipate the limitation of the first mode (closed position) is a standby mode and the second mode (open position) is an operational mode (Fig. 3, column 3 lines 8-27).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cosgrove et al. (US Patent#6304765) in view of Shimazaki (US Patent#5493690).

Regarding claim 16, Cosgrove et al. teach the limitation of claim 15.

But, Cosgrove et al. do not expressly disclose the limitation of the processing means is configured to supply no, reduced, or intermittent power to certain elements of the phone in the standby mode.

Shimazaki teaches the limitation of the processing means is configured to supply no, reduced, or intermittent power to certain elements of the phone in the standby mode (column 2 lines 17-21 and 42-47).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate configuring to supply no or reduced power to certain elements of the phone in standby mode taught by Shimazaki into the mobile communication apparatus of Cosgrove et al., in order to conserve power.

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Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zhiyu Lu whose telephone number is (571) 272-2837. The examiner can normally be reached on Weekdays: 9AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on (571) 272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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